
Subject: Presumptive Eligibility Appointments for Pregnant Women

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Revised from:

Policy: In rare situations, a pregnant woman who meets the income and residency eligibility standards may be presumed eligible and issued WIC checks immediately for up to 60 days without a nutritional risk evaluation.

Reference: CFR 246.7(e)(1)(v)

Procedure:

1. Every effort should be made to provide a certification appointment within the 10-day processing standard instead of using presumptive eligibility. The clinic should use this policy in cases of extenuating circumstances. Examples include, but are not limited to:
 - a. A traveling clinic has too many appointments to complete a certification for a pregnant woman who walks in on clinic day.
 - b. An unexpected staff illness will cause cancellation of the appointment.
2. A clerk, nurse, or dietitian may use the Presume Eligible wizard.
3. The woman's nutritional risk evaluation must be completed within 60 days, using the Complete Certification wizard, or the woman is terminated by KWIC.
 - a. If no risk factor is identified at the Complete Certification appointment, terminate the woman as of that date.
 - b. The woman may subsequently reapply and be enrolled if found to be both income eligible and at nutritional risk.